

ABSTRACT

An optical pickup apparatus is characterized in that the optical pickup apparatus comprises a light emission part 60 for emitting first and second laser beams having different wavelengths from each other, a grating 62 for generating a pair of sub-beams from the laser beam emitted from the light emission part, and a hologram 63 for generating plus and minus high-order beams from the laser beam reflected by a recording medium to guide the high-order beams to a light receiving part, and the light receiving part comprises a pair of three-division light receiving elements for receiving the plus and minus high-order beam generated from the first or second laser beam reflected by the recording medium, respectively, to generate a focus error signal by a beam size method and two pairs of sub-beam light receiving elements provided by one pair with respect to each of a pair of the three-division light receiving elements, the two pairs of sub-beam light receiving elements for receiving the high-order beams generated from the sub-beams reflected by the recording medium to generate a tracking error signal by a three-beam method, and each of the three-division light receiving elements is divided into three light receiving regions by two parallel division lines, and the light emission part is placed so that a straight line connecting light emission points of the first and second light emission sources is

parallel to the division lines of the three-division light
receiving element.